



## EMS Community Healthcare Coalition

*Transforming the Healthcare Delivery System Through Effective Partnerships*



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John Sinclair, Chair  
Anne Montera, Committee Chair  
National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Emergency Medical Services (NTI-140)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Chairs Sinclair and Montera:

The members of the EMS Community Healthcare Coalition, representing many of the first responder, ambulance services and EMS agencies in NW Oregon and SW Washington, strongly encourage NEMSAC to convene and sustain a focused community paramedicine data subcommittee within the NEMSAC infrastructure as there is currently no standardized method and supporting data dictionary to collect CP/MIH data.

The EMS Community Healthcare Coalition was created in 2014 in response to a demand within our community for all facets of the healthcare delivery system to come together in a cooperative manner that will result in the transformation of the healthcare delivery system in our area. This was the first time that members of the “traditional” healthcare delivery system and EMS had the opportunity to meet and discuss ways to improve our local healthcare delivery system.


A significant contribution of the Coalition has been the piloting and implementation of numerous community paramedicine programs. In October of 2015 a data task force was convened and approved a regional community paramedicine data set to standardize our data collection efforts and to demonstrate programmatic effectiveness at a larger scale than as independent projects. In January of 2016 the data set and accompanied data dictionary were finalized and adopted by the Coalition.

The undersigned EMS Community Healthcare Coalition data subcommittee representatives appreciate the work and the willingness of NEMSAC to encourage collaboration throughout the EMS and healthcare delivery system by convening a data subcommittee and appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,




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